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Letter dated 27 December 2007 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the attached letter dated 18 December 2007 from Madhu Raman Acharya, Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations, writing on behalf of the Government of Nepal, in which he requests an extension of the duration of the United Nations Mission in Nepal for a period of six months from the date of expiry of its current mandate (see annex).

This request follows consultations within the Seven-Party Alliance and reflects a consensus among all the parties, including the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist), which is currently outside the interim Government.

I would be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council at your earliest convenience.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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Annex

Letter dated 18 December 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instruction from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Nepal has decided to request an extension of the duration of the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) for a period of six months from the date of expiry of its current mandate on 23 January 2006. This extension is requested in recognition of UNMIN's contribution and its continued relevance in assisting the ongoing peace process upon Nepal's request in the mandated areas as per Security Council resolution 1740 (2007).

I have the further honour to inform you that an agreement has been reached for holding the election to the Constituent Assembly by mid-April 2008, and the Government is firmly committed and is seriously engaging all the stakeholders with a view to implementing the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and bringing the nationally owned peace process towards its logical conclusion.

I take this opportunity to express the sincere appreciation of the Government of Nepal for your continued support to the peace process.

(*Signed*) Madhu Raman **Acharya**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative